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SUBJECT: RED STAR ON DANGERS OF SUBVERSION

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

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1. A SIGNED COMMENTARY ON MARCH 26 IN RED STAR, THE SOVIET ARMY  
NEWSPAPER, AGAIN WARNED OF THE DANGERS OF CULTURAL INTERCHANGE  
WITH THE WEST. THE COMMENTARY, WHICH WAS AIMED AGAINST ALLEGED  
NATO EFFORTS TO BRAINWASH YOUTH IN THE WEST, ALSO ACCUSED NATO  
OF ATTEMPTING TO CARRYOUT SUCH ACTIVITY AGAINST THE YOUTH OF THE  
"SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES. THE AUTHOR (YU. NALIN) CONTENTS THAT THE  
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PROPAGANDA APPARATUS OF THE NATO COUNTRIES IS ATTEMPTING TO USE THE RELAXATION OF TENSION FOR ITS OWN IDEOLOGICAL BENEFIT. THESE EFFORTS, NALIN ARGUES, INCLUDE ATTEMPTS TO GAIN ACCESS TO ADDITIONAL CHANNELS THROUGH WHICH THEY CAN EXERT INFLUENCE ON MINDS IN THE "SOCIALIST" STATES. NALIN ENUMERATES THESE CHANNELS BY QUOTING "MARROW" (PERHAPS MURROW) "AN AMERICAN SPECIALIST ON PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE," AS HAVING SAID THAT "WE SHOULD STRIVE TO ACT UPON THE MINDS OF PEOPLE THROUGH VARIOUS MEANS-- A DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM, PERSONAL CONTACTS, RADIO BROADCASTS, LIBRARIES, THE PRESS, MOVIES, TELEVISION, EXHIBITS AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE LESSONS."

2. NALIN CONTINUES THAT THE NATO APPARATUS ALSO TRIES TO IMPOSE ON SOVIET YOUTH THE IDEA THAT "IDEOLOGICAL CONFRONTATION CANNOT SERVE THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE WORLD." NALIN CONCLUDES THAT THIS IS ALL AN EFFORT TO AVOID THE BASIC IDEOLOGICAL CONFRONTATION OF OUR ERA AND THUS CLEAR THE WAY FOR THE IDEOLOGICAL SUBVERSION OF SOVIET YOUTH (SIC).

3. COMMENT: RED STAR HAS BEEN THE TORCHBEARER FOR THE SOVIET PRESS IN ATTACKING THE IDEA THAT INCREASED CULTURAL INTERCHANGE WITH THE WEST CAN BE ANYTHING BUT HARMFUL. REFTEL REPORTED ON A SOMEWHAT MORE SOPHISTICATED THOUGH SIMILAR ATTACK WHICH SEEMINGLY SET THE TONE FOR ALL THAT HAS FOLLOWED SINCE THAT TIME IN RED STAR. ALTHOUGH HE ATTRIBUTES IT TO AN AMERICAN PSYWAR SPECIALIST, NO PREVIOUS COMMENTARY HAS GONE QUITE AS FAR AS NALIN'S IN INCLUDING TOURISM -- AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE LESSONS -- IN THE LIST OF DANGEROUS ACTIVITIES.  
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